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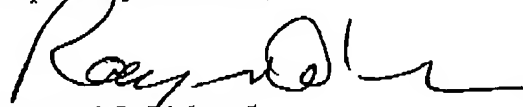
The indication of allowability with respect to claims 9 to 11 is acknowledged with appreciation. By this response, claims 9, 10 and 11 have been rewritten into independent form to incorporate the substance of the parent claim. Accordingly, these claims should now be in condition for immediate allowance.

Claims 1 - 8, 12 - 14, 17 - 19 and 21 have been canceled.

Dependent claims 15, 16 and 20 should be in condition for allowance since they depend from allowable claims. Accordingly, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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